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NETWORK

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TERMINAL DISCLAIMER

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office dated November 23, 2007, the time for response to which extending to and including February 25, 2008 (this being the first business day after February 23, a Saturday), Applicant respectfully request consideration and entry of the following revisions and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.